



The Messenger

BE JOYFUL IN HOPE, PATIENT IN AFFLICTION,
FAITHFUL IN PRAYER. ROMANS 12:12

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Carl's Comments - Reverend Carl Thompson

Many of our church events will begin again this month. Our adult religious education program will kick off on September 12th with the continuation of the Covenant Bible study. I hope you all still know where your books are, if not you have two weeks to try to find them. The Choir will begin practice on September 15 at 5 PM. We must start rebuilding our choir since people have moved away, and others can no longer sing. I want to thank Jeanette for leading the choir until we can find a choir director or organist. Debbie Aldridge is leading this search.



Beginning in September I will start a new work schedule since I have eight weeks of vacation I need to use. I will be in the office every other week for office hours. I will continue to lead worship on Sundays. I will always be available for any events that may come up during my weeks off; I am only a call, text, or email away.



This year is 55 years since my high school graduation. I have tried to return periodically for the reunions that happen every 5 years. I had hoped to go in 2021 but it was canceled because of COVID-19. Recently I received an email from the alumni committee with the names of the known members of the class that had died. There were just too many names on it already. I was quickly reminded of my mortality. Where have all the years gone? I realized that I am now in my senior years.

As I look back over the years, I thank God for the blessings in my life. God Is Good All The Time. There have been times in my life where, I wish I would have done some things a little bit better. But overall life has been good. I hope it has been that way for you in your lives. Scripture says "Give Thanks in All Things."



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Calendar of Events

Unvaccinated are asked to wear masks & stay a safe distance from others. It is a good idea for others with health issues to wear masks also.

Sunday Worship and Communion at 10:00

Communion is on the First Sunday/month

Men's Prayer Breakfast Tuesdays @ 8 am

Chair Yoga Tuesdays and Thursdays

Sept. 6 - Labor Day

Sept. 12 - Start of Bible Study

Sept. 15 - Start Choir Practice - 5PM

2021 September

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
25	30	31	1	Yoga 10:30	2	3
5	Labor Day	6	7	Yoga 10:30	8	9
12	13	Yoga 1 PM	14	Choir Prac-	15	16
19	20	Yoga 1 PM	21	Yoga 10:30	22	23
26	27	Yoga 1 PM	28	Yoga 10:30	29	30

Carl continued:

Thank God for your blessings and don't take them for granted. Enjoy your life, your family, your friends. Do those things on your bucket list. And when things don't go the way you planned, just remember the words from the Gaither's song, "Because He lives, I can face tomorrow, because He lives all fear is gone, because I know who holds the future, life is worth the living just because He lives." Don't get discouraged with world events, covid, or anything else, have faith, God is alive and well, and these things will come to pass.

God Bless you *Carl*



Musical Notes

"I will praise the Lord all of my life; I will sing praise to my God as long as I live."

Psalms 146:2 NIV

SAVE the DATE! Wednesday, September 15, at 5 p.m. will begin the reorganization of the music program and adult choir for our Presbyterian Church of Salado. Thank you for your patience during these months of the COVID-19 pandemic which is still shaping our "new normal."

Some things may be different during these days of transition. I believe, with God's help, we can work together to enhance our worship experiences through music. In Christ, Jeanette West

Common Lectionary Readings (Carl will change topics at times due to quests - especially in the Summer)

	Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost - Sept. 5	Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost - Sept. 12	Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost - Sept. 19	Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost - Sept. 26
1st Reading	Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23	Proverbs 1:20-33	Proverbs 31:10-31	Esther 7:1-6,9-10, 9:20-22
Psalm	Psalm 125	Psalm 19	Psalm 1	Psalm 124
2nd Reading	James 2:1-10, 11-13, 14-17	James 3:1-12	James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a	James 5:13-20
Gospel	Mark 7:24-37	Mark 8:27-38	Mark 9:30-37	Mark 9:38-50

Sept. Birthdays



- June Lubowinski 12
- J.C. Pennington 12
- Jack Googans 15
- Shirley Lett 25
- Donald Engelke 26
- Pete Stebbins 26

About our Members (and Prayer Requests)

Julie Goggans desperately needs our prayers. She's been in a great deal of pain and misery the past few days. Perhaps it's being caused by the new chemo she began Wednesday. Stage IV pancreatic cancer is difficult. Carl suggested that we pray for effective treatments and pain control when we wake up each day and then again when we go to bed.

June Lubowinski's latest MRI indicates a stable/declining brain tumor. The Keytruda infusion every 21 days is working. She thanks everyone for the prayers, however, with the Covid risk, attending church is not a good idea now.

Joe Carroll is doing really well. His weight is up and now he is eating small meals. We are hopeful that the trach will come out in a few weeks. Susan and Joe continue to be very grateful to their friends at church for your support and prayers! They hope that to attend church as Joe gets stronger.

Bob Todd is continuing a three-week immunotherapy injection program which is controlling his cancer.

Jeanette West has a temporary address change. She was in Temple. Until she finds a place to move after "the flood," she is using her daughter's address: 206 Sunshine Dr., Georgetown, TX 78628.

Bob, Lilly, and Nate Kerr Who knew a simple Zumba class would start a string of events? Nate was exposed to the new Covid variant at class. He didn't think anything of it because he had his vac-

inations. Sunday, he woke with 103 temp, plus nasal and chest congestion. His condition deteriorated, so the doctor ordered an outpatient antibody infusion on Thursday. It worked. Then Bob and Lilly also got the Covid virus All are now better. Thanks for the many prayers.

Nancy Healey's brother is Capt. John Hamilton, ret., USN and lives in Sasebo, Japan. He will be with Nancy for several weeks recuperating from a TNR. His goal is to begin his journey back to Japan at end of September, five weeks after surgery. Pray for healing, no complications and controlled pain.

Molly Hatchell's niece Sherrill Henslee Perez death at just 52 was a shock to all. She lived in San Antonio with a husband, two sons, and granddaughter. She worked the last 20 years as the activities director and later the marketing director for a senior living facility. She loved spending time with seniors, celebrating Christmas with lighting displays at her home, and being active in her church community. She was warm, loving, and had a beautiful smile and laugh.

A really sad part of all this is that she bought into the propaganda that the virus was like the flu, or that the vaccine was too unsafe to take, and that "my body is strong enough" to fight it. Her life ended unnecessarily and under heartbreaking conditions - being paralyzed, in a coma, on a ventilator dying within weeks after she became infected

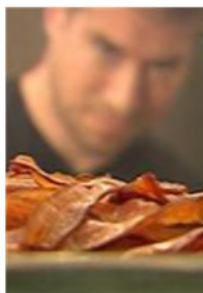
“A PLEASING AROMA”



As I sit down to write this, the smell of barbecued ribs is wafting through the room. (Ralph is reheating them to eat for his lunch). What a wonderful smell! It makes me hungry and makes me think of other foods whose tantalizing aromas make my mouth water. For instance:

bacon frying, coffee brewing, and bread baking. Oh my goodness! I'm getting hungry just thinking about them.

When I was a child, the grade school that I attended was at the end of the road that we lived on. The school didn't have air conditioning, so on warm days my teacher would open the windows. On Wednesdays, my Grandma's baking day, if the windows were open in my classroom, and there was a breeze, I could smell that bread baking, and I could not wait to go home for lunch, because I knew that there would be a piece of hot bread, fresh out of the oven, with a big slab of butter on the top, just waiting for me.



I read recently that some people who have the Covid 19 virus have lost their sense of taste and smell. I hope that's a temporary affliction and not a permanent one. I would not like to lose any of the wonderful senses that God gave to me; and I'm sure that you wouldn't either. Although we probably take them for granted, just like we do with a lot of other gifts that the Lord has given us.



That reminds me of something that I read in the newspaper yesterday. Sharon Randall, my favorite columnist, wrote the following. "I need time to pray. My granddad, a preacher, told me that prayer isn't just asking God for things. It happens every time we smile and say "Aah" at something God created."

Thank you Lord for the wonderful gift of "senses." And please help us to remember to pray and to say "Aah" to your precious gifts a little more often.

"For we are the aroma of Christ to God among those who are being saved and those who are perishing." (2 Corinthians 2:15)

From a Merry Heart, Linda Lloyd

Seekers Adult Education - Beginning on Sept. 12

The Seekers Bible Class will begin Fall 2021 classes on Sunday, September 12, at 9:00 a.m. We welcome everyone back and look forward to seeing each of you and studying God's word together. We also welcome any new members to join our class. Please bring your Bibles, your Covenant Series Participants Guide and join us. Coffee will be available.

Since we have had extensive interruptions to our Covenant Bible Study, we will begin with a recap of the 1st and 2nd sections: "Creating the Covenant" on September 12th, and "Living the Covenant" on September 19th. On September 26th, we will start the 3rd section, "Trusting the Covenant" with Episode 17 and complete the series in time for Advent lessons.

A covenant is an agreement between two parties, a solemn promise or vow, especially between God and people. God has made several covenants with His people, both Jews and Christians. Do you know what God has promised us and what is involved in our part of the vows? Join us as we study the many aspects of God's covenants with His people.

"...The Lord is gracious and compassionate....He remembers His covenant forever...." Psalm 111:4-5

Shirley Pinkston





Our Benevolent Gifts Are Spreading Hope and Love

During 2021 our congregation's benevolent gifts have continued to reach out to those in need. Each quarter, our treasurer sends substantial gifts to our denomination, as well as to selected local service organizations. So far this year, our benevolent gifts have totaled \$14,006, or 18% of our total congregational offerings.

Recipients of \$1,000 every three months include **Presbyterian Disaster Assistance**, which provides help both in the USA and abroad, and **Presbyterian Children's Homes** in Austin, which operates family homes and related services for foster children in Central Texas. Our contribution to the **One Great Hour of Sharing**, an Eastertime offering, was \$2,495, and our annual gift of \$3,000 was also made to **Grace Presbytery** early in the new year.

The local service agency **Heart and Hands Ministries** receives 35 loaves of bread purchased twice a month (at Brookshire Brothers for \$40-45) for Saturday distribution at their pantry, plus in-kind donations of food and clothing items placed in the basket in the church lobby. The neighboring **Holland Community Food Pantry** also sought support earlier this year and received \$1,000. The **Salado Flag Program** was given \$36. In August, **Salado Family Relief** received a gift of \$2,000 for its 13th Annual **Project Backpack** distribution of school supplies, which took place at our church's parking lot. Through mid-August, Tracy Davis, the instructor for our church's **Chair Yoga**, had received \$1,000; we are very grateful to her for providing this service to both our congregation and community residents.

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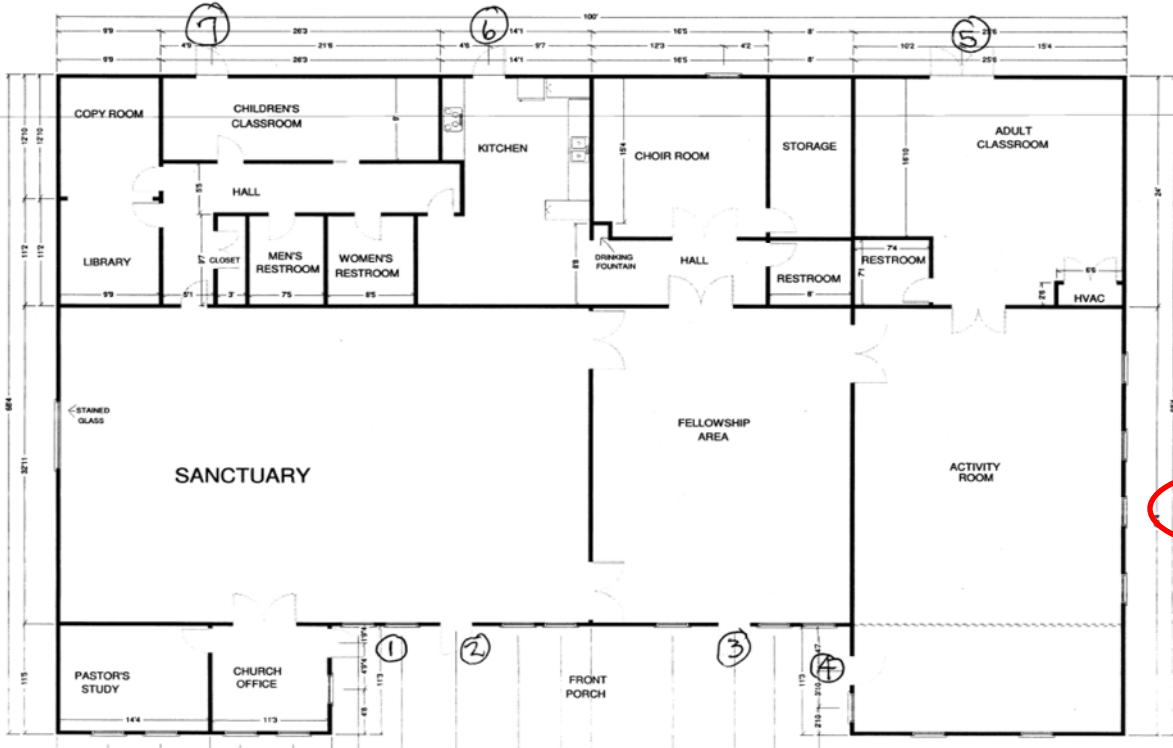


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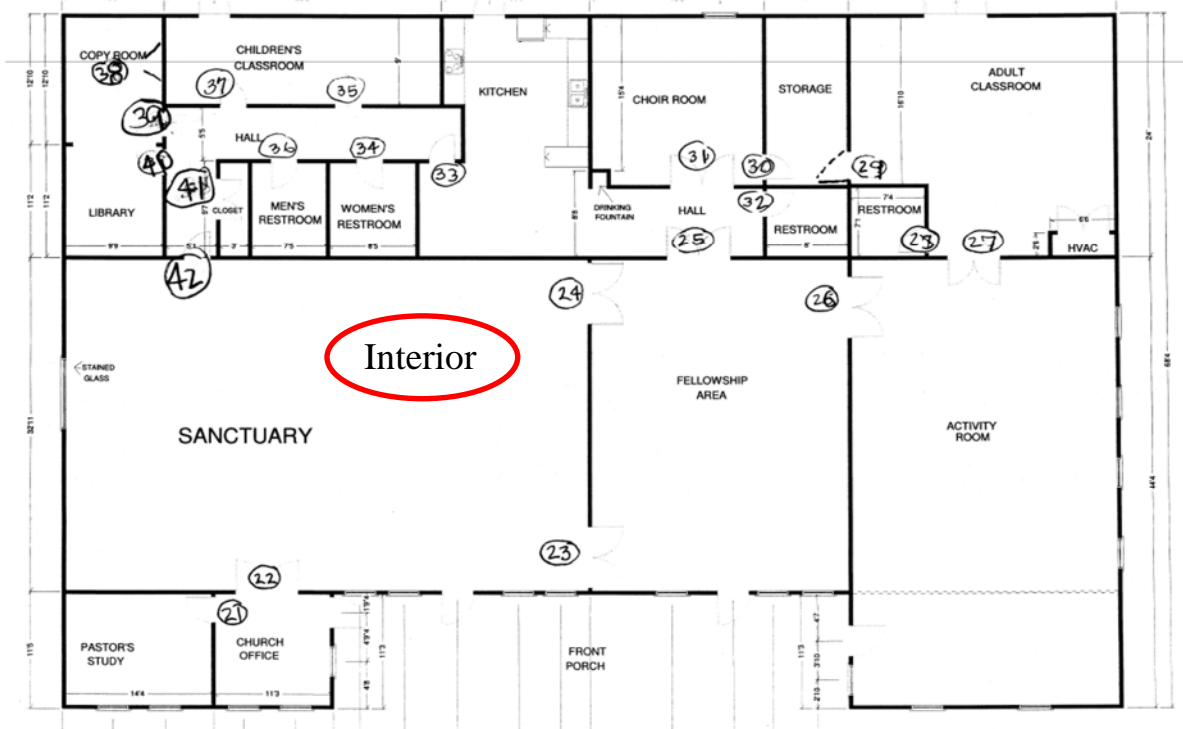
Final Church Door Maps

The door numbers were suggested by our security analysts when they reviewed our security and safety audit earlier this year. It was recommended that we have all exterior and interior doors numbered and registered with the police department.

Randy Kemp will have these numbers posted at each door during August.



Exterior



Interior